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Calling All Compatriots



October 2010 Program

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Our speaker for the October 27th, 2010 meeting is Harold V. Kiser. He will be speaking on his World War II experiences with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served in the China, Burma, and India Theater. He retired from Aerojet General as a Mechanical Engineer.

He lives in Cameron Park Estates.

Note Day and Date change

Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane
Cameron Park, CA.

The next meeting of the Mother Lode Chapter will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 11:30 AM, at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.



The President's Corner by Jim Young

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John Krahn

Valley Forge Program

Vacant

Law Enforcement Program

John Krahn

Flag Certificate Program

Vacant

Americanism Poster Contest

Tom Adams

Fellow Compatriots and friends:

Here we are. It's Autumn and another year is winding down. A year of slow growth for the Mother Lode Chapter, however; progress has been made. Our continued attention to National Society Programs has made us more competitive with other small chapters in the state.

Our Chapter Secretary Tom Douglas is in the process of obtaining and purchasing a Continental Army uniform. This is the first step as we move forward in participating in a color guard unit, and eventually the chapter forming its own color guard unit.

A few of our members including myself will be attending the CASSAR Fall Meeting in San Jose next month. If you wish to drop by to see what this meeting is all about, please don't hesitate to do so. I hope to see you there.

In Patriotic Service,

Jim Young



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The American Revolution – Month By Month - October 1780

by Andrew J. Stough III, Edited by Harold Rogers

If Washington and Congress thought they had permanently taken care of the Indian question, then they must have been surprised when spring came in 1780. It had been a hard winter for the Indians after the two punitive expeditions in 1779. They survived the winter on the bare necessities received from the British. With the coming of warm weather their vitality returned amid a smoldering resentment against the Americans that turned into a bonfire of hate and a desire for revenge.

Britain was aware of their feelings and put them to good use in their fight against the rebels. Sir John Johnson, Britain's agent in the Central Valley, united the tribes and organized raids against the vulnerable American frontier. The raids began in April. The first to suffer was the settlement of Harpersville, then attacks against the Dutch settlements along the Catskills. Villages and isolated farms were burned, their inhabitants killed or captured. In May, the tempo increased and the Mohawk Valley was again brutally exposed to the Indian's wrath. Militia reinforcements were immediately sent to the affected areas. Militia protection was a deterrent, but could not stop the Indian hit and run attacks. The raids continued sporadically until August when Canajoharie was attacked. Forts built to protect the inhabitants were ignored by the invading Tories and Indians. Inhabitants gathered within the forts were saved, but everything outside the forts was burned. The Schoharie Valley was next to feel the Indian and Tory wrath. Every living thing outside the fort was destroyed.

In September, Johnson was in the vicinity of Montreal to begin the formation of an army consisting of "Greens," British regulars, Hessian Jaegers and 200 of Butler's Rangers. Johnson marched to the Susquehanna, where he was joined by Brandt with a large number of Indians. On October 16th, they attacked and laid siege to a fort referred to as the Middle Fort. Several days later, unable to over-run or batter down the fort, he moved on to Lower Fort. Attacking it without success, he set about to burn all buildings and drive off or take any domestic animals, leaving the area barren.

The raiding stopped after a battle at a town called Stone Arabia was sacked and burned. 1,500 men and a large band of Oneida Indians under Van Rensselaer arrived to reinforce the garrison of Fort Paris, which stood in the now destroyed town. The advantage now appearing to be on the Patriot's side. Van Rensselaer convinced the commander of Fort Paris, Colonel John Brown, that he should attack with the promise that Rensselaer would circle behind and attack Johnson's force from the rear. Brown marched out and attacked the enemy with great vigor, but Van Rensselaer did not appear as promised. Although outnumbered 10 to 1, Brown's men fought valiantly and did not retreat until a third of them had been killed, including Brown.

On October 19th Johnson reappeared near the fort. Van Rensselaer was not present, but his officers and the Oneidas engaged Johnson with such ferocity that Brandt's Indians broke and ran, Sir John and his troops following them. Van Rensselaer reappeared and assumed command. Instead of following up the advantage gained by Johnson's rout, he ordered a retreat, failing to follow up the rout of Sir John's forces. Had he done so it is probable that Sir John would not have escaped to fight another day. This was the end of Indian raids in the north until the spring of 1781.

Further south, John Sevier, with 300 men bolstered by 400 Virginians, descended upon the Cherokee, ravaging the country side as well as destroying the towns of Chota and Chicamauga in the same manner as expeditions had in 1776. October 2nd is noted by the hanging of Major John Andre. He went to his death as willingly as had Nathan Hale. Both died heroes, magnificent in their willingness to die for their separate causes. Both maintained great dignity as they arrived at the end of their separate roads.

Now to France and Jones. After a month of stormy weather had come to an apparent end, Jones was ready to complete his journey across the Atlantic. Saturday, October 7th, Jones set Ariel on a course for America. On the 8th, with Ariel not yet clear of the coast, there was a sudden shift of wind and a storm such as no man on the crew had seen before. With his ship dismasted and near shoaling on the off-shore reefs, Jones was in the greatest battle of his life to save his ship. Finally able to head Ariel into the wind, he spent the next two days staying off the rocks. Two days later (the 12th) Ariel was again at anchor in Lorient for repairs. Where she remained for the next two months.

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In June, Cornwallis had sent Major Ferguson with the American Volunteers (Tories) to occupy the back-country in the district of Ninety-Six. (See note). From this point Ferguson began recruiting or accepting Tory Volunteers to join his Tory Regulars for an assault on the settlements in Tennessee. If anyone refused to pay allegiance to the King, he promised to burn their homes or settlements, hang their leaders, and put the rest to the sword and bayonet.

The Tennesseans were outraged! A hardy breed who had stood their ground with Indians were not about to stand still for such a challenge from the hated British and Tories. Furthermore, they would not wait to be invaded. With around 1,000 men, they set forth over the mountains to take the war to the enemy on his own ground. Ferguson, being harassed by the “backwatermen”, called on Cornwallis for reinforcements. Meanwhile, he moved his troops to King’s Mountain. With a steep and rocky rise of 60 feet above the surrounding land, it was a natural position for defense. Feeling secure, Ferguson issued the challenge that “he defied God Almighty and all the rebels out of Hell to overcome him”.

On October 7th, the Patriots encircled the position and, with a war whoop, signaled the assault as men began climbing the hill amidst a withering fire from above. For awhile Ferguson and his bayonets kept the top secure – still the Patriots came on! Avoiding the bayonets and firing from behind trees, the backwoodsmen were dropping Ferguson’s men like flies. Several white flags were raised by the Tories, but the flags were cut down by Ferguson who refused to surrender to rebels and bandits. Ferguson tried to cut his way out of the battle but was shot from his horse and died. Tories crowded into a hollow but found no shelter there. To cries of “Tarleton’s Quarter and Buford”, the infuriated Whigs shot them down as they stood. Several attempts were made by the remaining Tories to parley, but to no avail. This was a long awaited revenge for the killing of patriots by the Tories in past years and could not easily be stopped..

It was all that the Whig officers could do to stop the carnage, but finally the killing stopped. Of the 1,000 Torys involved, 157 were killed, 163 wounded so badly that they were left where they fell, and 698 were made prisoners. The patriots lost 28 killed and 62 wounded.

The prisoners were taken to Gilberttown, where a hue and cry was heard for a court to try those men who were known to have committed atrocities against the local Whig population and the hanging of prisoners. Twelve were condemned and ten hanged. The remaining prisoners were delivered to Gates at Hillsboro. It was an all American battle. The only Briton present was Ferguson. Tory support for the King once avid, now began a decline, from which it would not recover.

King’s Mountain, coming on the heels of previous defeats, was an outstanding success, encouraging those who were on the verge of giving up hope of a victory against a British led attack on American forces in the south. Congress reconstitute The Southern Army, calling on Washington to name its commander.

The months ahead might not appear victorious for the Americans, but any victories by the British would be hollow and debilitating of their strength, leading in another eight months to Yorktown and effectively the end of the war.

Note: For map readers, Ninety–Six, Waxhaws, and other towns of note can still be found on current maps.

References: Schlessinger’s “Almanac of American History”; Wards “The War of the Revolution”; Morison’s “John Paul Jones”; Lancaster’s “The American Revolution” ; Utley and Washburn’s “Indian Wars.”

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Photos from the dedication of the SAR Genealogical Research Library

Photos on this page by Compatriot Philip Hinshaw



Future home of "The Center for Advancing America's Heritage"



Front door to the SAR Library



Color Guard inside the newly dedicated library



Inside the library



Louisville Slugger Museum next to the CAAH



Street view with Center for Advancing America's Heritage and Library

More Photos from Library Dedication

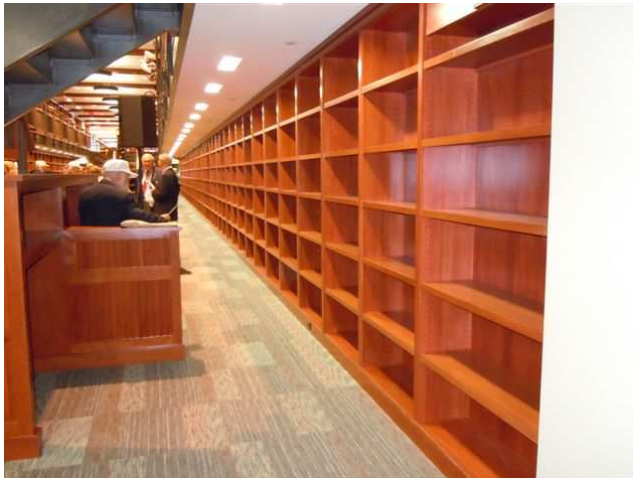
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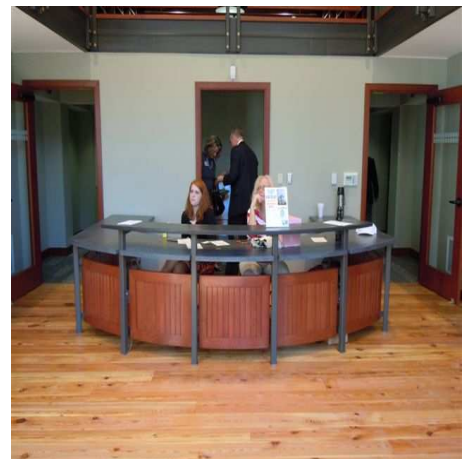
Color Guard at Library Dedication



CASSAR President Wayne Griswold (left) with President General David Simpson



Shelves waiting for books



Reception Area. Floor planks used in the new reception area were Original to the building saved during demolition and refinished



Construction area in the CAAH



Construction area in the CAAH

Is there a Scout in Your Neighborhood?

Tom Adams– CASSAR & Mother Lode Youth Activities Director

I was at the **Sons of the American Revolution** National Conference in Cleveland this summer and I watched a young Eagle Scout from New York walk away with a check for **\$8,000!**

I confess I was personally ignorant of the full scope of the SAR Eagle Scout program, but when that young man walked off the stage with a scholarship check for \$8,000 I made a commitment that as soon as I got back to El Dorado County I would spread the word to our Scouting community. ... I had to do a little research myself, but here's what we offer.

One of our patriotic goals is to provide recognition for public service. The state societies and chapters of SAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets and midshipmen.

That brings us to our Eagle Scout program. The Mother Lode Chapter recognizes Eagle Scouts in two ways:

First: We want to recognize every El Dorado County Eagle Scout through our "SAR Certificates of Recognition" at BSA Courts of Honor. For many years the SAR has recognized the many common bonds of purpose and principles shared by the SAR and the Boy Scouts of America. Young men achieving the rank of Eagle Scout have demonstrated their belief in these common principles. For this reason, the SAR believes that Eagle Scouts are deserving of special recognition for their dedication and accomplishment.



This is recognition of all new Eagle Scouts. This does not depend on any later decision by the new Eagle Scout about whether, or not, to compete for the available scholarships. It merely requires the scout, his parents or the scout troop adult leadership to send a request for the SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate. It's that simple. Contact our Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman, **Tom Douglas**, email tommyd@directcon.net phone **(530) 677-3905**

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Second: We want to encourage every Eagle Scout to consider entering the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program. Those Eagle Scouts that have applied tell us it's not that difficult. The scout must fill out a two page application, write a 500 word essay on a patriotic theme, and complete a four generation ancestor chart (back to the Scout's Great Grandparents). Though the door is open to SAR membership, it does not use the information on this ancestor chart to persuade scouts to join the society. The family chart is to introduce the scout to the importance of knowing his own family history.

Here is some motivation: Upon completion of the application, the essay and the chart, each applicant will receive the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Patch to be worn on their uniform. One of the applicants will be judged the winner for the Mother Lode Chapter SAR and will receive the SAR Eagle Scout Medal. The winning application will be forwarded to the California Society of the SAR to compete with other SAR Chapter winners. The winner at the State level will receive the SAR Spreading Wing Bronze Eagle Trophy and a \$1,500 U.S. Savings Bond to be presented at the annual meeting of the CASSAR in the spring. The winning State application will be submitted to NSSAR National Headquarters to compete with other state finalists for \$14,000 in scholarships. The National winner will be invited to attend the NSSAR Annual Congress where he will compete for an \$8,000 scholarship. The First runner-up will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The second runner-up will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Tell your friends, if this Scholarship interests an Eagle Scout they know, have them contact our Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman, **Tom Douglas**, email tommyd@directcon.net, phone **(530) 677-3905**.

If folks want to know more about us, tell them we are a State and National society with local chapters. Here is **El Dorado County** we are the '**Mother Lode**' Chapter. We were formed only three years ago, and we are small enough that we can still meet at Denny's in Cameron Park. On a national scale we are approaching 30,000 members and we've been around since 1889. The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit corporation that seeks to maintain and extend: the institutions of American freedom an appreciation for true patriotism; a respect for our national symbols; and the value of American citizenship.

For further information on the Eagle Scout Scholarship, they can go to the National Society SAR web site (NSSAR) [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship](#) program.

Thanks for listening. We hope we'll be hearing from Scouting people.

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Minutes of the June, 2010 meeting

By Tom Douglas, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Young at 11:40 AM.

After the Invocation by Gene Myers, the Pledge of Allegiance (John Krahn) and the Pledge to the SAR (Jim Young) the guests for the evening were introduced. Sam Bradley was introduced as a prospective member. Other guests included Tom and Marilyn Chilton, Joyce Douglas and Marcia Conover. There were 8 members present at our first luncheon meeting of the year.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Reports:

Secretary, Tom Douglas reported he was successful in getting articles in two El Dorado Hills news papers, the Village Life and the Telegraph regarding the chapter's recent poster contest and its winner, Matthew Maloney.

Treasurer Roy Tougaw reported a balance of \$1143.00 in the checking account

Historian; no report

Youth activates; Tom Adams is out of town

Law Enforcement Committee John Krahn has contacted all of the agencies in El Dorado County but has not heard back from any of them as of this date.

Registrar (acting) Jim Young reported California Society recruitment is down this year. Texas has a huge edge on us in recruiting. Tom Chilton, CASSAR Registrar, confirmed that applications were down, and there did not seem to be a concrete reason why. Also the chapter needs someone to step up to take the registrar position.

Tom Chilton showed two flags from the Sacrament Chapter's collection. The Culpeper Flag from Culpeper County Virginia and the Light Horse Flag from Philadelphia, also known as the First Army Flag.

Lunch was served!

Compatriot Bob Conover gave his presentation on black powder weapons of the 18th century and demonstrated with a replica 1763 Long Rifle.

After Compatriot Conover's presentation he was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

Past President Tom Douglas was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as president for the years 2007-2009. Compatriot Douglas was also presented the Distinguished Service Medal.

After the Benediction and SAR Recessional the meeting was closed at approximately 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Douglas, Secretary



Mother Lode Chapter's 2010 Calendar of Events

January 22 - Poster Contest presentation at Jackson and Holly Trinity Schools in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park

January 26 - Regular meeting at Denny's

February 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

March 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

April 9 & 10 - CASSAR Annual Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento

April 27 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

May 25 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

June 23 - Special Lunch Meeting at Denny's

July - No meeting

August - No meeting

September 28 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

October 27 - Lunch meeting at Denny's

November 5 & 6 - CASSAR Fall Manager's Meeting
Santa Clara CA, Embassy Suites Hotel

November 23 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

December 11 - Wreaths Across America
Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon

December 28 - Regular Meeting at Denny's

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